(b) With the signing of the New Union Treaty in USSR expected for later this year, the mechanics of cooperation may require change to take into account the new constitutional provisions of the USSR and the enhanced role that the Republics are expected to play within the new framework.

Pak Prime Minister's Interview to 'News Week'

*130. KUMARI ALIA;

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction to the Pak Prime Minister's reported 'News Week' interview that tension over the Kashmir issue could lead to Indo Pak war; and

(b) whether Government have taken up the issue with Pakistan Government and whether the matter was discussed during the talks with the Pak Foreign Secretary during his recent Delhi visit; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) During the visit of the Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of Pakistan from 18—21 August, 1991, clarification was sought regarding the apparent discrepancy between the message of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, that the Government of Pakistan was sincerely interested in resolving all bilateral problems peacefully and through a serious and constructive dialogue, and the reference to war in the interview given by the Pakistani Prime Minister to the Newsweek magazine. The Special Envoy clarified that the interview as reported in the Newsweek magazine, did not fully convey what the PM of Pakistan had really intended, particularly his desire for a peaceful resolution of all differences between India and Pakistan.

Transport System in Delhi

*131. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor transport system in Delhi;

(b) what is the minimum requirement of buses in the D.T.C. fleet which can cater to the needs of Delhi public;

(c) what is the number of buses available with D.T.C.; (i) service-able (upto five years old; five-eight years old eight-ten years old) (ii) unserviceable but repairable; and (iii) non-repairable;

(d) the number of private buses running under D.T.C. operation and whether any survey has been conducted to find out their operational service worthiness: and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to put the Delhi Transport System in order for the benefit of the general public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The Government are aware of the difficulties being faced by commuters of Delhi on account of constraints in the transport system.

(b) According to the DTC the total requirement of buses, to cater to the needs of the present commuters of Delhi, is estimated at 7950.